



SNYDER'S LANCE

ASHLAND, OH

Slip Resistant Aluminum Stairs Lead to and from Baking Ovens at Snyder's Lance



THE SITUATION

Snyder's-Lance manufactures and markets snack foods throughout the United States and internationally; such as pretzels, potato chips, cookies, crackers, nuts and many others. The snacks are distributed through grocery stores, convenience stores, food service channels amongst many others. The Snyder's-Lance brand has grown over the years to include some of America's favorite snack brands such as Hanover, Lance, Krunchers!, Cape Cod, Jays, Grande, Tom's, EatSmart Naturals, Archway, O-Ke-Doke, Padrinos and Stella D'oro. Snyder's-Lance has many baking ovens in their facilities that require a stairway and platform leading to and from the ovens. The stairways tend to get slippery due to oil used during processing, which is why Snyder's-Lance contacted a sales representative from SlipNOT® Metal Safety Flooring.

THE SOLUTION

Snyder's-Lance originally had diamond tread plate installed, but it became a safety hazard for employees. SlipNOT® suggested that a lightweight and slip resistant aluminum tread be installed over the diamond plate. SlipNOT® provided six 3/16" x 11" x 24" 5052 Grade 1 aluminum stair treads with 1-1/2" nosings and four countersunk holes per tread for easy installation. Once the aluminum stairs were installed, employees felt a difference in traction. Installing the aluminum plate stair treads was a cost effective way to create an instantly safe surface that is lightweight and corrosion resistant without completely replacing the existing treads.

THE IMPACT

The maintenance planner from Snyder's-Lance said that the new SlipNOT® aluminum treads are a much better improvement than the diamond plate tread plates. They are looking at replacing the other steps that are mounted on this platform with the same slip resistant material. Employees no longer have to worry about oil spills creating a slick surface on the aluminum stairs.